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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKEND PRESS

1. FOLLOWING ARE LOCAL ITEMS FROM WEEKEND PRESS LARGELY DOMINATED BY ATHENS REPORTS ON INVESTIGATION OF NAVY MUTINY AND JULY 21 MARKEZINIS INTERVIEW:

"ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF JULY 22 CARRIES EXCLUSIVE LEAD ARTICLE BY UNDERSECRETARY TO PM STAMATOPOULOS PREDICTING LANDSLIDE YES VOTE IN JULY 29 REFERENDUM. STAMATOPOULOS ALSO CLAIMS THAT "NEVER BEFORE HAVE OPPONENTS OF GOVERNMENT HAD SUCH PROFUSION OF WEAPONS AS IN PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR COMING SUNDAY" AND ADMITS THAT "GREEKS LISTEN MOSTLY TO FOREIGN RADIO" WITH RESULT THAT OPPOSITION HAS ENJOYED "SUPERIOR PUBLICITY". IN SPITE OF THIS, PEOPLE WILL NOT VOTE "NO" TO" IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT".

2. IN OTHER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES HERE, PRESIDENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOYATIS ADDRESSED LABOR GROUP JULY 21. PARTICULARLY PRAISING ECONOMIC GROWTH SINCE 1967 REVOLUTION. VICE PRESIDENT MAKAREZOS SPOKE AT OPENING OF NESTLES PLANT AT PLATI JULY 22, BUT TEXT OF HIS REMARKS NOT YET CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS. MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES IOANNIS LADAS ALSO SCHEDULED TO SPEAK HERE JULY 25 AT CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF IPPOKRATION HOSPITAL. BRENNAN

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